

CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 16th January 2024 at Hafan Deg Community Centre Treuddyn for 7.00pm

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. C. Swan

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Marshall, B. Jones, R. Cracknell, J. Smith, M. Thornton, C. Metcalf & C. Hughes.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. D. Roberts & E. Bech

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None present.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING - 19th December 2023

That the minutes of the 19th December be accepted as a true and correct record with the following amendment.

Item 4 CCTV page 721

The first bullet point amended to read:

TCC to develop a stand alone scheme within the play area rather than in the village hall.

Moved: Cllr. J. Smith

Seconded: Cllr. R. Cracknell

Carried.

- Cllr. A. Marshall was thanked for sorting out drainage on Ffordd-y-Rhos

4. PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS 2024-2025

Review of Treuddyn C.C Finances, to discuss expenditure and projects and to confirm the budget for the new financial year.

Members received a copy of TCC finances to date for discussion prior to setting the budget.

Approximate expenditure was discussed working from the expenditure sheet and taking into account the approximate balance of £9,865.00 being carried over to the new financial year.

The projects total, unresented payments, January Invoice payments and approximate expenditure to 31.03.24 of £93,342.00 has been taken off the current bank balance carrying over an approximate figure of £9,865.00 into the new financial year.

S137 Grant Applications an extra £1000 was added in

Councillor Training - £2000.00

Publications (TCC Newsletter) - £2700.00

TCC Website - £200.00

The largest expenditure is on TCC Street lighting energy amounting to £8760.00 per annum

It was agreed to transfer £80,000.00 into the reserve account to earn higher interest – This money is for projects and is ringfenced. The money will be spent as each project is completed.

The approximate expenditure for the new financial year £39,155.00

Current financial year precept information 2023/24

The current years precept amount is: £38,000.00

The current Tax Base of equivalent band D properties is: £763.80

The current Band D Charge is: £49.75

Precept Requirements 2024/25

Cllr. J. Smith proposed the precept figure of £39,155.00

Seconded: Cllr. A. Marshall

The Chair asked for a vote by show of hands.

Motion carried.

The Tax Base for the 2024-25 financial year of equivalent Band D properties is £767.82

The Band D charge for the 2024-25 financial year is:£51.00

The increase/decrease in the band D charge amount is £1.25

The percentage increase/decrease in the 2024-25 band D charge compared to 2023/24 band D charge is 2.51%

Treuddyn C.C Street Lighting Costs

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Marshall that the cost of energy supplied by Scottish Power needs to be looked at to try and reduce costs.

A majority of TCC Street Lights has been changed to LED with some street lights still on a 35 SOX lamp (orange/yellow light).

The LEDs are more energy efficient.

Seconded: Cllr. R. Cracknell.

All in favour – Carried.

A working party to be set up to look at TCC Street Lighting Inventory and to inspect all the street lights and report back to council.

Working party – Cllr. A. Marshall, Cllr. M. Thornton and the Clerk C. Thomas

A date to be confirmed between the working party for inspection of street lights.

5. CCTV – Queen Street Playing Field

To further the discussion from the December meeting.

At present there is no finalised cost in place for the installation of the CCTV or no specific area/areas confirmed on the playing field.

There is still a lot of work to do before a final scheme is presented to the Council

- Invitation to tender to be updated
- Preparatory work needs to be done for costings

It was agreed for a working party to be set up to work on the proposed scheme.

Working party: Cllr. A. Marshall, Cllr. M. Thornton and the Clerk C. Thomas

6. TO APPROVE THE TRAINING PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 67 OF THE 2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT

Cllr. M. Thornton has kindly collated the Learning and Development Plan that each councillor had filled in. He explained the spreadsheet and talked through which training is a priority.

- The Training Needs Analysis spreadsheet will be kept live as training needs will change over time
- The assessed competency level for each topic was given a score between 1-4 from each member and a maximum score given.
- Competency - All members showed a good understanding.

A score of 1 against a topic is an immediate priority but would that training be available by the end of March.

Scores of 1 + 2 to box off by 2024/ 31/03/25. Score of 3 by 2025/26 etc.

The three areas that scored the lowest that is between 1 + 2

a) Delivery of Services b) Understanding the planning system c) Financial Governance and Accountability.

These are the areas that members want to improve their knowledge.

As discussed the clerk to email to members 'The role of a Parish Council on Planning Matters' this is very similar to Wales and is a guidance.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Smith TCC approve and adopt the Training Plan. Seconded: Cllr. A. Marshall
All in favour - Carried.
The policy will be reviewed in May 2024.

7. TREUDDYN C.C NEWSLETTER

To discuss editing and production of Newyddion Treuddyn News.
As the editor was not present this evening it was agreed to re-agender for the February meeting.

8. DEFIBRILLATORS

To discuss the possibility of new locations and signage to direct the public to the defibrillators in the village.
Continued discussion from the December meeting.
Cllr. A. Marshall shared information with reference to defibrillators attached to street lights. The defibrillator in Hafan Deg could be potentially moved onto a street light outside Hafan Deg which would give better access.
Rhydtalog – To look at a suitable location
Pontybodkin - Coed-Talon – To look at a suitable location.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

FUL/001080/23

Proposal: Provision of pitched roof over existing flat roofs, left side two storey extension.

Location: Cae Hic, Ffordd y Blaenau, Treuddyn, Mold, CH7 4NS

TCC Comments – No observations put forward.

10. PLAY AREAS

Treuddyn and Coed-Talon play areas – To discuss any matters/Issues

Treuddyn play area – Proposed Small Wheel Play – Planning Application. The Clerk had spoken to the Chair and an Architectural Firm from Wrexham has been appointed to submit the plans.
The cost £400 plus vat.

Coed-Talon play area – The ongoing issue of cows escaping from their field onto the old railway line, They have also been onto the playing field making a mess.
The clerk has spoken with FCC Countryside Ranger Mr Dave Bryan who has been very helpful. He has managed to trace the owner of the cattle. The owner has secured the field fencing and a temporary fence has been erected by FCC adjacent to the playing field.

11. MONTHLY ACTION PLAN

Discussed and updated.

If members could download the Flintshire C.C App to report matters. These would get logged and a reference number given.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Civility and Respect Pledge. SLCC and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) are urging councils to sign the pledge. The pledge allows local councils to demonstrate a commitment to stand up to poor behaviour across the sector and enforce positive changes that support civil and respectful conduct. The above to be an agendered for further discussion by TCC.
2. Letter from Wrexham Architectural Services enclosing a fee for the proposed work – Submission of planning application for the proposed Small Wheel Play at Treuddyn play area.

13. TCC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION – RESULTS

First prize £50.00	Dolgoed, Ffordd y Llan, Treuddyn
Second prize £25.00	No. 1 Rhyd Osber, Coed-Talon
Third Prize £25.00	3 Ffordd y Rhos, Treuddyn

14. STREET LIGHTING

No faults reported.

15. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Vat</i>	<i>Total</i>
1971 Wix Translation package	£0.90	£5.40
1972 Staff salary December	nil	£480.15
1973 Scottish Power 01.12.23 to 01.01.24	£120.85	£725.10
1974 1st Prize Christmas Light Comp - Dolgoed,	nil	£50.00
1975 2 nd Prize Mercer	nil	£25.00
1976 3 rd Prize D. Parry	nil	£25.00

16. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

1. Public Footpath – Walking to the end of Ffordd y Felin there is a kissing gate that is not usable – it is very muddy and not finished.

To report to FCC Rights of Way Department

2. There are no salt piles down Ffordd y Felin.

3. The salt bin near Ffordd Sian Junction is on top of the bank – making it very difficult to get salt if needed.

4. There have been were recycling is not being collected along Ffordd y Felin.

5. To remove the flower box from the War Memorial to the Cemetery.

6. Tree in the cemetery – still issues with branches and twigs falling off.

7. The fencing running along the old aluminium works on the A5104 Coed-Talon is a disgrace.

This has been reported numerous times with the owner not being traced.

8. Cllr. A Marshall has been working to resolve the issues of blocked ditches, culverts etc. He has created off google MyMaps photographs of ditches etc.and sent to FCC.

He is also working to compile information for Treuddyn and in time will send members the link which will include owners of land.

- Parking issues near the school campus will be agendered for the March Meeting

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.45pm

Chairman
20.02.2024

